

Heseltine confident of getting necessary votes for leadership

From Associated Press reports
LONDON — Michael Heseltine, who precipitated Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's downfall, said Sunday he was confident of getting the necessary votes to win the leadership of his party and country this week.

But he admitted that some Conservative Party loyalists are deeply angry at him for his role in forcing out Thatcher, who last week agreed to step down as prime minister.

Heseltine, 57, and treasury chief John Major, 47, a right-winger who is reportedly supported by Thatcher, appeared to be locked in a close contest in the race to succeed Thatcher, with

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd trailing.

London bookmakers ranked Heseltine and Major as even favorites to win in Tuesday's ballot among the 372 Conservative Party legislators. Hurd was a long shot at around 10-1.

A series of opinion polls in Sunday's newspapers indicated the party would win elections with him or Major as leader, but lose under Hurd.

But Hurd, 60, argued that he had the best chance of unifying the traumatized Conservative Party. He said Heseltine was handicapped by deep anger among some legislators and party activists over Thatcher's departure.

"There is a danger of a polarized result with the right wing clustering around him (Major) ... and the left wing clustering around Michael Heseltine," said Hurd. "If that were to happen, then I think there would be a danger of the quarreling continuing."

Heseltine, in a series of radio and television interviews Sunday, argued that he has shown the same steely nerve that Thatcher displayed in 1975 when she ousted Edward Heath as party leader. The Tories were then in opposition.

"Mrs. Thatcher and I have that characteristic of independence, some people call it guts," said Heseltine. "When you believe something is right

you do it."

But he acknowledged, "There are people who are cross with me, and I understand that."

Thatcher, prime minister for 11 years, withdrew Thursday after she failed to get a big enough majority to stop Heseltine's challenge. With her husband, Denis, she spent the weekend for the last time at the prime minister's country residence outside London.

A clutch of well-wishers cheered the 65-year-old prime minister as she left the local church after a morning service. She has not publicly endorsed any candidate. But London's Sunday Times, quoting "friends" of Thatcher, reported

she will vote for Major, with Hurd as second choice.

If none of the three candidates receives a simple majority Tuesday, a third ballot will be held Thursday. Major and Heseltine both say they believe they are rolling up the 187 votes needed.

"They must be getting worried," Major said Sunday after Heseltine's campaign manager, legislator Neil McFarlane, said claims of majority support by Major's camp were bogus.

Heseltine challenged Thatcher after her deputy prime minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe, resigned and delivered a scathing attack on her combative stance with Britain's European Community part-

ners.

Thatcher was already in trouble over the economy and an unpopular new local government tax, the poll tax, which Heseltine has pledged to review. He has the advantage of being the only one in the Cabinet not associated with the tax.

The polls in Sunday's newspapers suggested the Conservative Party, which had trailed the Labor Party for the last 16 months of Thatcher's leadership, would be up to 13 points ahead under Heseltine and about 4-6 points ahead under Major in elections.

"I've brought about a transformation in the Conservative Party's fortunes," Heseltine declared Sunday.

Nurse sues for size discrimination; court to check point of law process

From Associated Press reports
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — All Sharon Russell ever wanted to be was a nurse, but her weight nearly got in the way.

After she was kicked out of nursing school in 1985, weighing more than 300 pounds, she sued the school and won. Now the case has moved to the U.S. Supreme Court, and she's moved to the forefront in the fight for dignity for overweight people.

"It's going to take time. It's going to take patience," Russell said. "And it's going to take people like me who have the guts to stand up and say, 'I was humiliated.' This is how I felt."

A federal jury last year ordered Salve Regina College of Newport, R.I., to pay Russell nearly \$44,000 in damages. An appeals court upheld the judgment, and the school appealed its case to the Supreme Court.

This week, Supreme Court justices will hear arguments in order to decide on a narrow, procedural point of law relating to the appeals court's standard of review.

Although the decision, expected sometime next year, will have little bearing on the legal question of so-called size discrimination, it determines whether the award must be paid.

"The important thing is more people will understand what I had to go through to get to this point," said Russell, now 26 and a pediatric nurse at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Russell maintains size discrimination was the sole reason for her dismissal from Salve Regina, but school officials argue she was unhealthy because she suffered from an eating disorder and was physically unable to handle patients.

"We don't dismiss students because they're fat," said Catherine Graziano, Salve Regina's dean of nursing. "We dismiss students if they have behavior problems that make them unable to function as nurses."

Russell said her 5-foot-6-inch, 300-pound body did not seem to bother administrators in 1982 when she was accepted at the small college run by the Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy.

After earning good grades through her freshman and sophomore years, she entered the college's nursing program. Her problems began the first day.

Russell said: "My instructor took one look at me and said, 'We're not going to get a uniform to fit you. You'll never get around a bed.'"

She said she was used as a "human guinea pig" in class to show students how to make a bed with a fat person or how to give a shot to a fat person.

"I would sit there and pretend it didn't bother me, but it was just killing me inside," she said.

In December 1984, faculty members presented Russell with a contract requiring her to lose two pounds a week or face dismissal, and she signed it because she said becoming a nurse was all she ever wanted.

According to the school, Russell weighed 328 pounds at the beginning of her sophomore year, was down to 297 when she signed the agreement and back up to 303 during the summer of 1985. That was when Salve Regina notified Russell she would not be allowed to attend her senior year.

Russell then filed a \$2 million federal lawsuit against Salve Regina and five faculty members with allegations including handicap discrimination, in-

tentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy and breach of contract.

The judge dismissed all claims except the breach of contract allegation.

A Providence jury sided with Russell, saying the school broke its implied contract to provide her with an education on the condition that she paid her tuition, maintained good grades and was not a discipline problem.

The award reflected the cost of having to repeat her junior year at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford, Conn., and the lost earnings from spending an extra year in school.

In upholding the verdict, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that the school forced Russell out of school "because she was obese and for no other reason."

Steven Snow, Salve Regina's lawyer, said, "If we did anything wrong, it was in giving her too many chances."

Russell completed her nursing studies at St. Joseph's and has been working in St. Petersburg for two years. She had her stomach surgically stapled in one of her many failed attempts to slim down.

When asked how Russell was doing at St. Petersburg, a spokeswoman for All Children's Hospital said Sunday, "I know that she is in a supervisory position, so that speaks for itself."

Russell has become an active fighter against size discrimination and was the keynote speaker for the 3,000-member National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. Her message is simple: "Accept yourself the way you are, work with what you have, go for it and live your life. My attitude is I weigh 285 pounds now — get over it."

Iraqis scramble to buy U.S. dollars on Baghdad streets at triple market price

From Associated Press reports
BAGHDAD, Iraq — The dollar, the hated and admired symbol of American power, is the currency of choice on the streets of Baghdad, where U.N. sanctions have rattled the already shaky Iraqi economy.

In ever-increasing numbers, Iraqis approach foreigners, risking lengthy prison sentences, to buy dollars at black market rates that have almost doubled in three months.

At the same time, some merchants play the dangerous game of asking customers to give them something other than the new 25-dinar notes bearing the likeness of President Saddam Hussein.

Western diplomats suggest that the dollar's popularity reflects a fear that the dinar could lose its value if Saddam is toppled after a U.S.-led attack or in a coup.

"The common man is concerned about his future and the future of his family," said one Asian diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He recognizes the possibility that Saddam might fail and places his bets accordingly."

At official rates, one Iraqi dinar is worth \$3 in Iraq. But on the streets of Baghdad, one dollar can buy five Iraqi dinars, and, in some outlying areas, the going rate is reportedly six or seven.

"It's a dollar economy," said one European diplomat, also speaking on condition of anonymity. "There isn't much you can't buy with dollars. You can buy your way out (of the country), or you can buy your way out of the army."

One Western diplomat said some major Iraqi businessmen are turning vast amounts of their assets into cash — and turning that cash into dollars.

The Asian diplomat also said: "The weakness of the government, but to the weakness of the economy. The dinar's a paper currency based on the oil, and oil is not being sold."

Before Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent U.N. embargo, the country earned more than 95 percent of its foreign exchange from oil exports.

"Sanctions are already hurting. On that I have no doubts," the Asian diplomat said. "Almost the entire industrial

sector has either ground to a halt or is chugging along very slowly."

Shortages of spare parts, imported raw materials and foreign technical expertise have left much of Iraq's industry running at only a maintenance level, Western diplomats said.

Prices on everything from cigarettes to tires are soaring in the marketplace. Cigarettes that just three months ago cost one-third of a dinar, now cost 3.50 dinars. Tires now cost 300 dinars, or \$900 at the official rate.


"The level of frustration on the street is amazing," said one European diplomat. "Everyone in the country has his life on hold."

Food is still in abundant supply in Iraq. Much of it is smuggled in from Iran or looted from Kuwait. Store shelves overflow with consumer goods and delicacies still in their Kuwaiti packaging.

Despite official Iraqi complaints about shortages of medicine, doctors in Baghdad say there is no problem with supplies. Western diplomats suggest Iraqi attempts to acquire more medicine in exchange for hostages is an attempt to bolster war stockpiles.

Campus Calendar


- MONDAY**
1 p.m.: The Institute for Research in Social Science will hold an IRSS Qualitative Research on Women meeting in 113 Manning until 2 p.m.
3 p.m.: Career Planning and Placement Services will hold Job Hunt 103: Interviewing Skills Workshop for seniors and graduate students, in 210 Hanes.
4:30 p.m.: The Wildlife Conservation Committee will hold a meeting upstairs in the Campus Y.
5 p.m.: UCPPS announces a presentation by Actina, in 209 Hanes.
The Society for Human Resource Management presents Hannah Adams of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She will discuss SHRM's Shadow Day program in 205 Union. Everyone is welcome!
5:30 p.m.: The Coalition for Student Action is having a very important meeting in 210 Union. All student groups interested in social issues/concerns please attend to discuss issues with other active groups!
6 p.m.: The N.C. Student Legislature invites anyone who is interested in debating current issues to come to our meeting in 423 Hamilton. We always need people with reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- 7 p.m.: SEAC needs your help. Newcomers and oldtimers alike, come to a national office meeting to help with national environmental campaigns or to find out more. The office is located at 133 1/2 E. Franklin St. (Second floor, in between Studio 135 and Chapel Hill Sportswear).
8:30 p.m.: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes invites you to join us in small huddles on discipline! We meet in the outer left end of Kenan Field House.
- ITEMS OF INTEREST**
UCPPS announces that Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management will hold a reception Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in the North Parlor at the Carolina Inn. All students are invited to attend.
The Carolina Union Gallery Committee is pleased to announce "Recent Works," a sculpture exhibit by Winston-Salem artist Gregory Podgorny, in the Union gallery through Jan. 11.
The Elections Board announces that petitions are due Tuesday, Nov. 27 for candidates for the Dist. 15 (undergraduate off-campus northeast Student Congress seat). Stop by our office in the Union, Suite A for details.
SAFE Escort needs you! Paid positions are available. Sign up now at the Union desk for an interview on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in 220 Union from 1:30-5 p.m. Completed application not required for interview.
UCPPS announces a resume drop for employers recruiting Jan. 22-Feb. 1, 1991, to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4.
Tar Heel Recycling Project announces that the mobile drop-off site for today is behind Sitterson Hall next to the dumpster.
The Bicentennial Class Committee wants you to create an original design with an exciting theme for the class of 1994 T-shirt! Turn all designs in to the Student Government Office in Suite C of the Union by Nov. 28. There will be a cash prize for the best design. Call 933-5163 for details.
PlayMakers Repertory Company will present "The Nutcracker: A Play," Nov. 28-Dec. 22 at the Paul Green Theatre.
The Carolina Union Activities Board Theatre Arts Committee presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the Cabaret Nov. 29-Dec. 2. The play is set in the 1920's. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for the public. Call 962-1157 for more info.



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